



ACSO
Hythe & Dibden Parish

Monthly Councillor Briefing

May / June 2021.

The Following incidents were reported to the ACSO Service.

1. An incident was reported to the council where a duck was killed and two badly injured at the pond in Oaklands Way, a local resident claimed he overheard three teenage boys wearing Applemore college uniform bragging about the attack on the ducks. The ACSO's have contacted the head teachers of both Applemore and Noadswood regarding the incident, they are sending a letter to students, parents/ guardians regarding this behaviour and to leave the ducks alone.
2. The owner of the newsagents in Dibden Purlieu reported that his shop on a number of occasions has had eggs thrown at it, hitting him and some of his staff he has also been racially and verbally abused. The ACSO service and Handy trust have confirmed it is the same group that was causing the ASB at St Andrews church, we attended a meeting with Hampshire youth offending team and a referral will be made on those that are involved. The ACSO service and Handy trust are paying home visits to the parents to try and engage with them to work with the youth offending team to address their children's offending behaviour.
3. Whilst on patrol the ACSO came across two boys setting fire to the play area at Forest front, on seeing the ACSO the boys ran off the ACSO pursued the offenders concerned but unfortunately they managed to get away. The fire took hold very quickly, emergency services were called and the fire was extinguished. The police are treating this as arson.

4. Whilst on evening patrol the ACSO team attended the underpass at White Water Rise as this has been a concern to residents in the past for ASB, on arrival we came across three teenage boys taking drugs. When they saw the ACSO's they made off leaving behind two homemade bongos and some other drug paraphernalia, Nike ruck sack and a usb charging lead. These items we're seized. This was reported to the police via the 101 service and to the local PCSO.
5. The Cricket club was targeted by vandals who proceeded to destroy the cricket boundary boards, it was reported that the same group was responsible for ASB throughout Hythe village in the early hours of Sunday 6th June causing vandalism and leaving shopping trollies in the roads blocking access for motorists.
6. A resident of North Road DP. Informed the ACSO service of a large group of young teenagers attacking a man in his car and vandalising his vehicle whilst his young son was present. This incident is in the hands of the police. The resident stated he tried to report this via the 101 service, we advised the gentleman that an incident of this nature should be reported by dialling 999 to seek immediate police assistance.
7. The toddler group at St Andrews church was targeted by a group of teenagers from Applemore college, they were verbally abusive towards staff and parents in front of the toddlers and proceeded to throw eggs at the staff. The police were called and a positive ID was made on all those responsible. The College has provided the police with names and addresses of all those who were involved. The ACSO service along with the Handy trust are arranging to visit the college and speak to all those concerned on an individual basis.
8. As we are all aware a large group of travellers have made home on Ewart rec, we as a service are constantly reassuring the community and are keeping them updated as best we can. We are monitoring the situation on a daily basis. Councillor Philip Dowd and the ACSO team have been delivering leaflets to local residents providing them with a current update.

Summary.

It has been a very busy month for the ACSO team with regards to ASB, we with the Handy Trust are referring a number of young teenagers to the youth offending team. Multi agency meetings (MAM) are now up and running again so we can all work together in an attempt to drive down ASB in the area. We have had to remind some local residents that we are not a 999 service and if they witness a crime in progress they should dial 999 and ask for the police, we are still encouraging the community to report all crime to the police via the 101 service.